

IN THE CLAIMS

- 1 Please cancel claims 4 and 13 without prejudice.
- Please amend claims 1, 14, 15 and 16 as follows:
- Claim 1(Currently Amended) A multi-person velocipede, comprising:
- 5 first and second frame members having forward and rearward end portions and long axes extending between said forward and rearward end portions;
- 10 a first seat coupled to said first frame, and a second seat coupled to said second frame; a first forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said first frame, and a second forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said second frame;
- 15 said first and second forward wheels being selectively rotatable about axes that extend generally perpendicular to the long axes of said first and second frames; a first set of pedals operatively coupled to said first forward wheel, and a second set of pedals operatively coupled to said second forward wheel;
- 20 said first and second frames maintaining the axes of rotation of said first and second forward wheels in a generally fixed perpendicular orientation with respect to the long axes of said first and second frames while the velocipede is operated throughout a turn;
- 25 a first rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of said first frame, and a second rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of said second frame;

a first seat operatively coupled to said first frame intermediate said forward and  
1 rearward end portions, and a second seat operatively coupled to said second  
frame intermediate said forward and rearward end portions; and

a support member operatively coupled to said first and second frames to maintain said  
5 first and second frames in a horizontal spaced relationship with one another.

Claim 2 (Original) The velocipede of claim 1 further comprising a single  
elongated handle bar coupled to the forward end portions of said first and second  
frames.

Claim 3 (Original) The velocipede of claim 2 wherein said handle bar is coupled  
10 to said forward end portions of said first and second frames in a fixed generally  
perpendicular orientation to the long axes of said first and second frames.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Original) The velocipede of claim 1 wherein said first and second sets of  
15 pedals are coupled to said first and second forward wheels in fixed positions with  
respect to said first and second forward wheels.

Claim 6 (Original) The velocipede of claim 1 wherein said first and second  
rearward wheels are smaller in diameter than said first and second forward wheels.

Claim 7 (Original) The velocipede of claim 1 further comprising braking means  
20 operatively coupled to said first and second forward wheels for impeding forward  
movement of the velocipede.

1           Claim 8 (Original) A method of operating the velocipede of claim 1 with first and  
second operators, comprising:

seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;

the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a  
5           generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward  
direction; and

said first operator then pedaling said first set of pedals at a rate faster than a rate at  
which the second operator pedals said second set of pedals so that the  
velocipede moves in a generally right-arcing direction.

10          Claim 9 (Original) A method of operating the velocipede of claim 1 with first and  
second operators, comprising:

seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;

the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a  
15         generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward  
direction; and

said second operator then pedaling said second set of pedals at a rate faster than a rate  
at which the first operator pedals said first set of pedals so that the velocipede  
moves in a generally left-arcing direction.

20          Claim 10 (Original) A method of operating the velocipede of claim 7 with first and  
second operators, comprising:

seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;

the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a  
1 generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward  
direction; and

said first operator then actuating said braking means operatively coupled to said first  
5 forward wheel while said second operator continues the forward pedaling of said  
second set of pedals so that the velocipede moves in a generally left-arcing  
direction.

Claim 11 (Original) A method of operating the velocipede of claim 7 with first and  
second operators, comprising:

10 seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;  
the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a  
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward  
direction; and

15 said second operator then actuating said braking means operatively coupled to said  
second forward wheel while said first operator continues the forward pedaling of  
first second set of pedals so that the velocipede moves in a generally right-arcing  
direction.

Claim 12 (Original) A method of operating the velocipede of claim 7 with first and  
20 second operators, comprising:  
seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;

the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a  
1 generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward  
direction; and

said first and second operators then actuating said braking means to slow the forward  
5 movement of the velocipede.

Claim 13 (Canceled)

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) The velocipede of claim 4-18 wherein said first  
and second sets of pedals are coupled to said first and second forward wheels in fixed  
positions with respect to said first and second forward wheels.

10 Claim 15 (Currently Amended) The velocipede of claim 4-18 wherein said first  
and second rearward wheels are smaller in diameter than said first and second forward  
wheels.

15 Claim 16 (Currently Amended) The velocipede of claim 4-18 further comprising  
braking means operatively coupled to said first and second forward wheels for impeding  
forward movement of the velocipede.

20 Claim 17 (Original) The velocipede of claim 16 further comprising a single  
elongated handle bar coupled to the forward end portions of said first and second  
frames.

Please add new claims 18 and 19 as follows:

Claim 18 (New) A multi-person velocipede, comprising:  
first and second frame members having forward and rearward end portions and long  
axes extending between said forward and rearward end portions;

a first seat coupled to said first frame, and a second seat coupled to said second frame;

1 a first forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said first frame, and a second forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said second frame;

5 said first and second forward wheels being selectively rotatable about axes that extend generally perpendicular to the long axes of said first and second frames;

a first set of pedals operatively coupled to said first forward wheel, and a second set of

10 pedals operatively coupled to said second forward wheel;

said first and second frames maintaining the axes of rotation of said first and second

15 forward wheels in a generally perpendicular orientation with respect to the long axes of said first and second frames while the velocipede is operated;

a first rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of said first frame, and a second rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of

20 said second frame; said first and second rearward wheels being coupled to said first and second frames such that said first and second rearward wheels may freely swivel about generally vertical axes;

a first seat operatively coupled to said first frame intermediate said forward and rearward end portions, and a second seat operatively coupled to said second frame intermediate said forward and rearward end portions; and

25 a support member operatively coupled to said first and second frames to maintain said first and second frames in a horizontal spaced relationship with one another.

Claim 19 (New) A multi-person velocipede, comprising:

- 1 first and second frame members having forward and rearward end portions and long axes extending between said forward and rearward end portions;
- 5 a first seat coupled to said first frame, and a second seat coupled to said second frame; a first forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said first frame, and a second forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said second frame;
- 10 said first and second forward wheels being selectively rotatable about axes that extend generally perpendicular to the long axes of said first and second frames;
- 15 a first set of pedals operatively coupled to said first forward wheel, and a second set of pedals operatively coupled to said second forward wheel; said first and second frames maintaining the axes of rotation of said first and second forward wheels in a generally perpendicular orientation with respect to the long axes of said first and second frames while the velocipede is operated;
- 20 a first rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of said first frame, and a second rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of said second frame; said first and second rearward wheels being coupled to said first and second frames such that said first and second rearward wheels may freely swivel about generally vertical axes;
- 25 a first seat operatively coupled to said first frame intermediate said forward and rearward end portions, and a second seat operatively coupled to said second frame intermediate said forward and rearward end portions;

a support member operatively coupled to said first and second frames to maintain said  
1       first and second frames in a horizontal spaced relationship with one another; and  
a single elongated handle bar coupled to the forward end portions of said first and  
      second frames; said handle bar being coupled to said forward end portions of  
5       said first and second frames in a fixed, generally perpendicular orientation to the  
long axes of said first and second frames.

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